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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Custoemr No.: 23643
Group: 1764
Confirmation No.: 5525
Application No.: 10/634,056
Invention: APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR CONTROLLING THE
OXYGEN-TO-CARBON RATIO
OF A FUEL REFORMER
Applicant: Rudolf M. Smaling
Filed: August 4, 2003
Attorney
Docket: 9501-73118
Examiner: Patel, Vinit H.

DATED: FEBRUARY 26, 2007

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

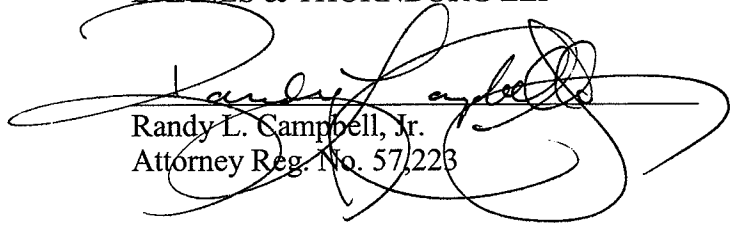
On July 19, 2006, representatives for the Applicant interviewed Examiner Patel.

During the interview, Examiner Patel indicated the he believes that United States Patent Application Pub. No. 2002/0108306 to Grieve et al. ("Grieve") teaches adjusting an air-to-fuel ratio of a fuel reformer based upon the temperature of reformat gas. The Examiner indicated that he based this belief upon paragraph [0008] of Grieve. He stated that the he was

applying the broadest reasonable interpretation standard observed by the Office to paragraph [0008] of Grieve to formulate his argument.

Respectfully submitted,

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